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Our Case No. 5404/18

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Atsuhiko Shinmyo et al.)
International Application No.)
PCT/JP01/05096)
International Filing Date: June 15, 2001)
Title of Invention: METHOD OF)
INDUCING GENE EXPRESSION)
IN PLANT AND PLANT TREATED)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

"RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1
This application is a nationalization of PCT application PCT/JP01/05096 filed June 15, 2001. This application claims priority from the PCT application and Japan Application Serial No. 2000-180466 filed June 15, 2000.